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From: CG US Forces China Theater Chungking China

To: War Department

Nr: CFB 8038 14 September 1945

To WARCOS Eyes Alone for Handy from COMGENCHINA CFB 8038.

Am glad to receive information embodied in your WAR 63584. In connection with collaboration between myself and Admiral Miles, I quote herewith a radiogram sent to me by him yesterday:

"For Berger. Your 111330.

Inform COMGEN I consider that Navy Department is fully aware of Navy's requirements in this area both for now and a post war program. Also consider that COMINCH already knows conditions as I view them here and know my full attitude with regard to our Navy's wartime functions present functions and peace time functions and has from time to time in various dispatches indicated his approval. Also believe the transitional period will not be difficult because only routine details on a lower level are involved. Steps have already been taken on a governmental level between Generalissimo and President Truman to form a US Naval Mission to China and as it appears over horizon will gradually replace functions of NAVGRCHINA.

At present Navy is capable of handling this transition smoothly if we have no complications of a diplomatic political or a military nature. None are expected from the Chinese.

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So far as I can foresee the present red tape of American Military Mission Command here may seriously interfere with Naval commitments and Naval post war policy in the Far East. Therefore, it is submitted from above discussion that discussion on Naval matters in this theater should be taken if only by the Navy high command in Washington on whatever level is necessary and is not a function of either Headquarters or NAVYGRCHINA.

To assist Navy in China however, it is recommended and requested that the military command of Naval Group China by COMGENUSFLF be rescinded as soon as possible in order normal Naval functions mutually concerning fleet and shore based units may be assumed by US without the attendant hampering delays in referring Naval matters to theater. If you are making recommendations to Joint Chiefs request you also submit these comments and recommendations.

Miles to COMGENUSFCT."

The past nine months I have done everything possible to establish a cooperative spirit between Navy Group and China Theater Headquarters. I have failed. Miles' message above quoted indicates his attitude.

When I was home last February I appeared before the Joint Chiefs of Staff and urged that Navy Group China be placed completely under my command and proposed amendments to the SACO agreement to cover this.

Although I was then supported by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to this date I have never received official indication that the SACO agreement amendments were accepted and signed. This has placed me in a very difficult position vizaviz Navy Group China.

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Miles did report to me upon his return from the State last May and stated that he was now under my operational control. His affiliation with Tai Li has made my position very difficult and uncertain with regard to operational control.

It is my conviction that the continued Army and Naval roles in this theater should be limited to strictly military matters including on the Naval side, weather information and Naval technical matters and technique.

I do not feel that Navy Group should be involved in clandestine activities or in intelligence. Intelligence should be conducted by a joint Army and Navy organization and should not be permitted to have any contacts whatsoever with the Tai Li organization.

End

ACTION: General Hull

INFO: General Handy
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